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West Valley City Announces Plans for New Animal Shelter

West Valley City – City officials have announced plans to build a new, state-of-the-art facility to replace the City's aging animal shelter, giving animals in West Valley City a new temporary home while they await adoption. Following an extensive study by a task force created to examine the City's need for additional facilities and office space, a site has been proposed utilizing land currently owned and occupied by West Valley City.

The proposed site, located at 4200 West 3500 South, will occupy the southeast corner of West Valley City Park, and will provide a more visible, more accessible facility. In addition to housing dogs, cats, and other small domestic animals (larger animals such as horses and livestock will still be housed at the existing shelter where there is more open space) the new facility will include office space for the Animal Services and Ordinance Enforcement offices.

"This is an ideal location for the new shelter, as our animal control and ordinance enforcement officers will be able to get anywhere in the City quickly," says City Attorney Richard Catten, a member of the building task force. "In addition, the new central location will be much easier for the public to access."

The 12,000 square foot facility is estimated to cost \$3 million, and will be financed using money that has already been allocated to new facilities. An architect for the project is expected to be chosen this month. The shelter is expected to open later this year.

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